

Names and their role in electoral success



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Voters seem to prefer certain name structures than others. It may seem strange, but it is supported strongly by the data. Understanding such voter biases can indicate the likely electoral outcomes for a president or prime minister.

Initial Interval Effect

USA. Since the election of president Garfield in 1880, US presidents have a strong propensity to have the first letters of their surname and first name in close alphabetical proximity. The most obvious examples being Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, Gerald Ford, Ronald Regan, Bill Clinton and so forth. In fact most presidents had an alphabetical interval of 6 letters or less in their initials (see Table 1). The four exceptions were all elected pre 1950 - William McKinley (9), Warren Harding (14), Franklin Roosevelt (11) and Harry Truman (11).

Prior to 1880, this name effect did not hold with most presidents having an alphabetical separation between their first/surname initials of 5 or more letters.

Australia. The propensity for elected leaders to have initials in close alphabetical proximity also applies to Australian prime ministers following federation in 1900. After 1940, there have been 13 prime ministers, of which only two had an initial interval of 7 or more letters in the alphabet.

They were William McMahan (9) and Gough Whitlam (15), both held the position for only a few years.

Other Countries

Since mid 1920, 14 Canadian prime ministers have been elected to power and none had an initial interval of 12 or more letters. None of the 22 New Zealand prime ministers since mid 1912 had an initial interval of 11 or more letters.

For the UK, the situation is less pronounced post 1902, as there have been 19 prime ministers with three recording an initial interval of 16 or more letters - Stanley Baldwin (initial interval 16), Winston Churchill (19) and Tony Blair (17), all of whom were popular long serving leaders. Most importantly, 12 of the 19 leaders had an initial interval of between 0 and 6 letters, so the rule still held for this country.

Unfortunately no data was available on initial intervals for the general population in various countries. Thus a valid comparison could not be made and the true significance of these findings cannot be assessed.

Middle Name Emphasis

An Australian entertainment mogul, Harry M Miller, was asked why he inserted an M in his name and he responded "Who would remember Harry Miller?" The insertion of a middle name or initial gives prominence to the whole name. Thus, assassins of American presidents are always denoted with a middle name or initial. Lee Oswald sounds rather innocuous, where as Lee Harvey Oswald gives a completely different emphasis. Similarly with John Booth rather than John Wilkes Booth.

Double Lettering Effect

Since 1890, a US presidential candidate was much more likely to be successful if he had a name with double letters - the many examples have been highlighted in Table 2. Famous presidents with double letters were Roosevelt, Hoover, Coolidge, Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and so forth. Only four Republican or Democratic presidential candidates had double lettering in their name

Initial Interval	Number of US Presidents post 1880
>15	0
7-14	4
4-6	4
0-3	13

Initial Interval	Number of Aust PMs post 1900
>16	1
11-15	3
7-10	4
0-6	16

President	Assassin
Abraham Lincoln	John Wilkes Booth
James Garfield	Charles J Guiteau
William McKinley	Leon F Czolgosz
John Kennedy	Lee Harvey Oswald

and failed to win at least one stint in the White House. These were William Bryan, Wendell Willkie, Barry Goldwater and John Kerry. As for Wendell Willkie, would you be predisposed to vote for a man with such a name? Besides, he was pitted against Franklin Roosevelt in 1940, who was also blessed with double lettering. Similarly, William Bryan stood against candidates with double lettering in each of the three elections he participated in - 1896 (William McKinley), 1900 (William McKinley) and 1908 (William Taft). Barry Goldwater was unsuccessful in the 1964 elections, even though he could have been expected to win against Lyndon Johnson given his strong name advantage. However, Goldwater had limited electoral appeal as he was from the far right and this was the liberal 1960s. John Kerry was the only other candidate who failed to win a presidential election (2004), despite having double lettering in his name and initials in close alphabetical proximity. The 2000's was the era of the right wing christian conservative and Kerry was a liberal from the northern states. Even so, Bush's win was not decisive (Bush 51% & Kerry 48%) and there may have been serious vote cheating that benefited the

conservative side. Kerry could have actually won the election as expected from the double lettering effect, but lost through Republican vote rigging. Strangely, the double lettering effect does not apply to other English speaking democracies with Westminster systems of government - UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Few prime ministers in these countries have had double letters in their names.

A 20th Century phenomenon

These name effects in electing presidents and prime ministers only emerged during the 20th century and may possibly be due to:

- * the growth of the mass media, which increasingly invaded voters lives;
- * improved literacy levels amongst the population.

Such name effects may arise from data mining, given the small sample sizes involved. Even so, it is reasonable to hypothesise that a leader's name does influence electoral outcomes. Name effects are most obvious in the success of Hollywood movie stars in the mid 20th century. Would Cary Grant have become so famous if he had remained Archibald Leach? Cary Grant gives the impression of glamour, something an Archie Leach could never achieve. There are many other

Heart of a Howard

Australia plagued by historic drought, not-so-responsive leadership

Wondering how Australia's doing? It's dry as a dead dingo, thanks for asking. The "Sunburnt Country" is undergoing a severe drought -- the worst in 1,000 years, according to one expert. The lack of precipitation could cut agricultural output by 20 percent, and it's only going to get worse: a government organization has predicted that the eastern part of the country will see 40 percent less rainfall and a temperature rise of more than 12 degrees by 2070. The 91 percent of Australians who say global warming is a problem apparently does not include Prime Minister John Howard, who has refused to back the Kyoto Protocol. A full 62 percent of Australians are dissatisfied with the government's response to global warming, but citizens shmitizens: Howard, a gung-ho nuclear-power promoter, recently dismissed another poll indicating that only 17 percent of Australians are pro-nuclear, sniffing, "I can't have a policy on something like this dictated by an opinion poll." Sic the dingos on 'im!

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examples.

- Doris Day - Doris von Kappelhoff
- June Allyson - Ella Geisman
- Cyd Charisse - Tula Ellice Finklea
- Lauren Bacall - Betty Perske
- Danny Kaye - David Kaminsky
- Kirk Douglas - Issur Demsky
- Michael Caine - Maurice Micklewhite

Practical applications

Voters seem to prefer candidates with double letters and initial letters in close alphabetical proximity. Such letterings may promote feelings of trust, authority, familiarity or whatever. If parents want to enhance their son's prospect of becoming president or prime minister, it would be far better to name him something like Ronald Reagan than Bruce Reagan or Bill Clinton instead of Wayne Clinton.

USA. Name structures can be a good indicator of electoral success. During the 2004 democratic primaries, the author went down the list of hopefuls and picked John Kerry as the candidate most likely to win based solely on his name - double lettering and initials in close alphabetic proximity. At the time, the favoured candidate was Howard Dean, whose popularity subsequently waned. As to

be expected, Kerry was the eventual winner, but his name advantage did not carry him through to win the November 2004 presidential election.

Australia. Simon Crean, the former federal opposition leader, did not stand much chance winning popular support from the Australian public. His initials had a large alphabetical interval (15 letters) and his name sounded rather painful. His approval rating slumped to 15% and he was dumped.

Mark Latham, the next opposition leader, had a favourable initial interval of one, but his hubris resulted in him being soundly defeated in the 2004 elections. In the January 2005 spill for the ALP leadership, the choice was between Julia Gillard (2), Kevin Rudd (6) and Kim Beazley (8).

The Australian Labor Party, in its infinite wisdom, elected the candidate (Kim Beazley) with the least likelihood of being elected based on his name. This is a major problem, when confronting John Howard, with an initial interval of only one.

Perhaps Kim Beazley's name limitation has been a factor in the Party's desire to replace him in the leadership spill of December 2006.

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The thing about channeling

By The Goddess

Greetings once again mortals,
The last couple of months I've been busy with celestial affairs, which is why I left the husk to look after the shop. I know he's a poor substitute for my holiness but what can you do? You take what you can get and the husk is so loose he's always available. But enough whining about my insignificant other, I'm here to tell you a few things you may not already know about channeling.

For a start it's not as easy or straight forward as it looks. First off you'll need a blank sheet to work with and the husk is mine so you can keep your hands to yourself girls; mine. Secondly your host should be stoned, not drunk (too clumsy) or tripping (too flakey) but shitfaced stoned and easy to manipulate. Also your host should be weak willed and not too diseased. The disease thing is optional but first impressions can be important and an excess of snot or pus can put the punters off and ruin your whole gig.

Although pot is the main tool for mind control of the host it's wise to back that up with a little discipline and humiliation. If you're a woman you'll know exactly what I mean; make your host do silly things in public or spend his money on hats or male prostitutes. Again this is optional but I've found it a most effective way of breaking mein hosts spirit.

Finally, once in control keep that sucker sedated, don't for a moment let your foot from his throat until he's wasted and utterly spent. You never know where your next host is coming from.

Now to other news from the last few weeks: The Irish film crew who came to check out the COTHolic church left as converts to the faith. I baptized them all together down at hanging rock; total immersion. Shame about the sound man who wouldn't put his gear down and why is it



no one had the foresight to tell me paddies sink like that. Silly humans.

Honest John made 14 billion selling your Telstra, which coincidentally is just what it would cost to power Australia with sunlight. John thinks it's best we spend the windfall on nuclear power instead of solar. The church's attitude toward this abomination is clear; jail John and his henchmen for bad thinking and put Bob Brown in charge of temporal affairs, he may have dubious personal habits but at least his bum is screwed on right.

Pope Rotweiller announced Mohammed was the spawn of Satan but we should respect his followers anyway, while Mufti Sheikh Yukalali likened us girls to saucers of raw meat. The Israelis bombed a house of kids in the Gaza and called it a targeting error then phoned the Palestinians and told them to stop the rocket attacks.

Locally the fashion show was a terrific event if a touch conservative; the organizers wouldn't let me shake my booty up on the catwalk. Oh! Narrow minded organisers. But next year it'll be different and you mere mortals are in for an experience of great religious significance. I don't want to tell you too much but think human sacrifice and you're in the right

playground. It's an offer the organizers can't refuse.

Our Green rep and Jedi Knight Andy Gough has taken the lightsaber to flouridisation in the village water supply and nuclear power on the Tweed. They should both be good battles, but having known Andy on an astral level since he was a young Jedi I give neither flouridisation nor nuclear much chance. Andy is a master assassin and steeped in many dark and deadly arts. Best remember that when you vote.

Breaking news for the village is that Aragorn, otherwise known as Strider blew into town last week fresh from his siege of parliament house in Canberra.

We met Aragorn last trip down with the big joint. He was camped on the lawn outside parliament house and planning to stay there until they release David Hicks and bring the troops back from Iraq. He stayed for seven months and only lifted the siege temporarily to recruit more troops for the final battle. That's why he's in Nimbin. Coincidentally Bobalong and the Mayor were planning a last ditch attack on the gates of Mordor themselves and with my help had come up with a brilliant and daring plan. I'll tell you the plan.

Bob and Michael, absolutely slutted off about the state of the nation, decided to end matters once and for all, rock up at parliament house, breeze through security and self immolate in the foyer. Now, here is the fiendishly clever bit: There going to do it by spontaneous combustion. No accelerants, no incendiaries, just mind power. The hard part will be synchronizing their combustion for maximum effect. Now that Aragorn has turned up to lead them my brilliant plan can be executed. Howard and Beazleys days are numbered.

I've been asked to write a poem to be read at the Nimbin pre-school fundraiser

and thought a little culture might brighten up your dull mortal lives. I'd like to dedicate this poem to all the beautiful witches of Nimbin:

*The Goddess comes like
thunder
Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
taught turn the other cheek
When he pulled into Nazareth
it was always on bare feet
But I am Goddess, proud and
brave, I say 'slap the bastards
down'
I know were the fishes sleep and
you won't have to wonder
When blowing time comes
round again
I blow like rolling thunder.*

*Mohammed, so the story goes,
came on a flaming angel
His wisdom turned to gibberish
when he covered up the
women
But I am Goddess, fierce and
wise, my face is never covered
Hear me, fear me, stand clear
of me
For I know were the fishes
sleep
And come like rolling thunder.*

*Buddha didn't come at all just
sat and calmly waited
His message was the center
path so no one was offended
But I am goddess, omnivorous;
I prey on all men's souls
It's cool if I disturb your sleep
or make you cringe, make you
weep
When I come to blow your tiny
mind I'll blow like rolling
thunder.*

*Money is a lesser god, only
fools give him importance
He comes in coin or notes or
gold, he comes in flooding
torrents
But I am Goddess, clear and
sharp, I cut through all the
bullshit
I know were all the fishes sleep
and were the sacred fires are
lit
You'll know me when I wrap
you 'round, you won't have
time to wonder
When I appear inside your ear
I'll be coming down like
thunder*

Keep the faith mortals,
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From Fleet Command: As soon as the last bomber comes out of the shipyard, the bomber crew has less than five minutes to power up and join the other five bombers, 22 battleships 44 cruisers, 101 heavy fighters, 303 light fighters, 8 large and 80 small cargo ships in the launch queue. Recyclers are due at the attack coordinates 42 seconds after PerilPoint and we are expecting fire from at least 50 gauss cannons as well as hundreds of other assorted nasties, all robots ensure your CPU escape pods are fully activated, program your last thought to be "I hope they rebuild me luckier than last time..... See you all at the attack coordinates...

I push hard on the throttle of my light fighter, the same one I've always flown, I'm like that with machines, I use em till they flat line. Protocol dictates that my parking bay is nearest the launch ramp (and the beverage dispenser and waste evacuation chamber) I get to park there so that I am the first one to take off and the first one to the Peril Point, which is always the last place the enemy expects me to be.

Careful listening in the officers mess at GDI Alliance HQ, revealed that most of them zing around in ever so well equipped brand spanking new battleships, not me, I liked the quiet of a one man attack ship. After I'm away comes the most expensive components of my robotic fleet, the bombers. For the first part of this mission I'm out front throttled back with the bombers, they aren't real smart robots, but they can carry heavy things, yep, they can carry heavy things incredibly long distances at extremely costly fuel rates and then drop them with ponderous accuracy, bombers take off like rocks, they fly like rocks and after they have dropped their bombs which are, of course, rocks,

they still handle like rocks. Nothing high tech about a bomber at all because a large lump of rock launched at 20,000 kilometers per second from 200,000.01 Kilometers above you is a primitive but highly effective a weapon even if it only land near you!

It is quite a sight watching the 10 small cargos then one heavy, then 10 small, then one heavy launch sequence. If you could hear anything in a vacuum the next blast



of noise would be ear blatteringly awe inspiring, as 'every thing' but the cruisers blasts off. Cruisers go last cause they come in real fast and usually it takes all my skill to avoid being blown away by the cruisers as they come torpedoing in. High destructive power with a corresponding high ratio of destruction in battle. I did a first few cruiser runs when I bought the first one and wow, are they a machine to fly, you almost beat the bullets.

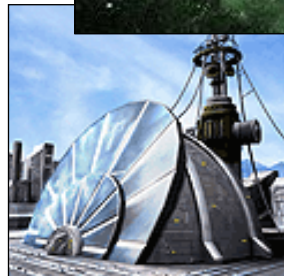
Hours till Peril Point, plenty of time to reflect upon all of the targeting decisions that have been made. The recyclers have to be there just after the cruiser attack which has to come just after the main fleet but before the third wave of heavy fighters, light fighters and fighting cargo boats slams in. I'm tempted to add a fourth wave, a brand spanking new light fighter and fighting small cargo ship fitted with 120% weapons, 100% shields and 100% armor which is the very first build on order from my new brand new nanite factory powered by nanobot technology. Yeah, I might fly that one in by remote from my constantly upgraded LightFighter101, if I can hang around long enough in the debris field that is. You wouldn't believe the amount of indescribe-a-bubbles that

there are floating in a DF after gauss cannons have been spraying super heated plasmatic rock at rocket ships made of rock. Big globs of super heated metal and crystal, all afire with the duet from ruptured fuel tanks.

I hadn't come by such an impressive fleet by accident, no siree bob. Lots of hard work had been done in my mines to get the metal and crystal to make all those space ships to help protect the universe. I had 'brightly' continued to invest in the very best solar plants money could buy and ensured that they were upgraded before



my mines were, but of all the things I had bought, small cargo ships were still at the top of the best buy list, what a good decision they were to invest in early, back bone of the fleet these days I reckon, wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for the small cargo ship, I got more than 300 of them whizzing around the universe at all times and they have become especially effective since that level 11 combustion drive upgrade kicked in, less time between planets. The phone rings.. I'm having trouble with my broadband, an exasperated voice says, Can you come and help me get back on line? I really need to check my email, I'm expecting one. Quickly I powered down the laptop and the universe it contains in order to answer the tech call out, I should be able to make it back on line in plenty of time to



watch the attack. As I headed out the door and up the gravel road I decided I definitely needed more robots....

Real Life vs Game Life

Once you have become accustomed to having the web at your disposal when "IT" stops working you suddenly become like a vasectomized testicle, not so if you live in a multi-computer household.

You don't need to be a technical wizard, all you need is the same reading skills that you applied to reading these words. When one stops working, you use the other one to 'google up' the fix. Having one computer is a drama waiting to happen, especially when you are expecting 'one of those' emails. Indeed, it is during the indeterminable amounts of time hanging on that all important reply, the constant checking and rechecking the inbox for the reply you MUST HAVE before you can do anything in real life that can induce computer failure. Impatience is a key ingredient of PEBCAK (program error between chair and keyboard) and PEBCAK is the cause of 99.99% of computer problems, thus the best way to avoid pebcacking your computer to reboot city every time you try to actually "use" it, is to wait in a 'zen like state of metal concentration' whilst each of your commands are precisely carried out (and finished) before asking it to do another, because just like humans, computer operating systems stop cooperating if you nag them all the time.

Integrated Martial Arts and Tai Ji Quan classes

Since 1st November, Daniel Keszler has been running classes in the new Physical Activities Centre at the Showgrounds in Cecil Street. There are martial arts classes for kids (9-14yrs) as well as for adults (15+yrs) and Tai Ji classes for beginners and advanced students.

Daniel has created his own style of martial arts and calls it Integral Martial Art, in short IMA. It fuses techniques of Southern Shaolin Kung Fu, Wing Chun Kung Fu, Sin Moo Hapkido and other styles and combines it with knowledge of traditional Chinese medicine and spiritual understanding.

IMA consists of seven levels, which build up consecutively on each other. On each level, the student learns a range of forms, kicks, applications, locks and throws, meditation as well as some philosophy to ponder upon, leading one to an ever deeper understanding and control of one's body/mind/spirit.

This can facilitate one's ability to integrate all aspects of oneself into life and therefore lead to self empowerment, hence Integral Martial Art.

The classes are always different and fun and leave you energised and happy. IMA for kids runs on Wed: 5:30 - 6:30pm. IMA for adults runs on Mon. and Wed: 8:00 - 9:00pm

Tai Ji Quan is a traditional internal martial art. Chen Wang Ting (1600 -1680) of the 9th generation from the founding ancestor Chen

Bu, is traditionally held to be the originator of the Chen style of Tai Ji. It is said that while in retirement, he fused the techniques from the teachings of the Ming general Qi Ji Kuang with traditional medical theory and Taoist breathing techniques to form a unique yielding form of martial art.

Tai Ji Quan has three main aspects. There is the meditative aspect, where one comes to a deeper understanding of the nature of mind and cultivates the life force (spirit), so as to align oneself to the principles of the universe.

The second aspect is the martial art, where one learns to defend oneself in a balanced way, using the energy of the aggressor and redirecting it with minimal effort. This aspect is developed slowly, since it requires an ability to direct ones own energy accurately and precisely.

The third aspect finally is health care, where through the practice, the body's energies become harmonized, blocks melt away and the posture becomes realigned into its natural balance.

Daniel is currently teaching two beginners classes on Mon. 6:45 - 8:00pm and on Wed. 9:00 - 10:30am and an advanced class on Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm. There is still plenty of space in all classes, so give it a go.

For further info contact Daniel directly on 6689-9249. (There will be a holiday break from Dec. 16 - Jan. 15)



Mind and Body. Daniel Keszler conducting an Integrated Martial Arts class for kids in the Physical Activities Centre at Nimbin Showgrounds.

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Nimbin Physical Activity Centre

Daniel Keszler has begun Tai Quan Chen Style classes in the new Nimbin Physical Activity Centre, Cecil St Nimbin. He is also introducing his newly developed Integral Martial Art (IMA). IMA aims at integrating body, mind and spirit facilitating the advancement of one's whole being.

Mondays: Tai Ji Beginners 6.45pm; IMA (15+) 8pm
Wednesdays: Tai Ji Beginners 9am; Tai Ji Advanced 6.30pm; IMA (9-14) 5.30pm; IMA (15+) 8pm; Tensegrity 9pm.

Charges

Adults: \$10/class or \$8 con; PIA 10 classes \$80 or \$70 con.

Kids: \$8/class; PIA 10 classes \$70

For more information phone Daniel on 6689-9249.

Community Health and Exercise Information Sessions

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various guest speakers (Trish O'Brien, Emma Alley, Kathy Ubrihien and Wendy Calder) who have provided valuable information to the Nimbin community on such topics as Exercise and Stress Management; Diabetes and Exercise; Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle; Exercise and Osteoporosis; and Feet, Exercise and Posture.

Many people in the Nimbin community have told me that they are interested in learning how to use exercise to prevent and recover from back pain. I am planning to run a session on this early next year.

If you have any other ideas or areas you would like to explore regarding exercise or physical activity of any type please let me know (see above). I am open to and would welcome your ideas.



Friday Night Basketball

Friday Night Basketball has had to be cancelled the last few weeks due to the illness and passing of coach James Koker's father. I'm sure everyone who has enjoyed basketball during the year will send their best wishes to James and his family.

This unfortunate event has pointed out our need to have a second person trained as a basketball coach. If you are interested in training as a basketball coach and are prepared to commit to Friday Night Basketball in 2007 please contact Sue (see above).

Basketball will be re-starting on Friday 8th December. The last basketball night of the year will be Friday 15th December.

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Little Nippers

Fifteen children aged between 6 and 14 from the Nimbin area travel by bus to Byron Bay every Sunday morning to participate in Little Nippers with Byron Bay Surf-lifesaving Club. Some of the activities and skills include surf awareness, swim, board and beach safety.

"To see our kids interacting with other kids and instructors, learning invaluable surf related skills and having such fun makes my day," says organiser Chris Herden.

The program is funded by a special grant from Lismore Council and the Nimbin Building Active Communities committee.

If you are interested in your child participating in Little Nippers call Chris 0427-326-031.

Nimbin Bushwalkers Club celebrate their first year

Sunday 19th November saw the first AGM of the Bushwalkers Club. The club was incorporated in November 2005, following Sue Boardman's initiative as Nimbin's Building Active Communities Officer. Currently we have 48 members.

We have had a highly successful year, with an enthusiastic core of regular walkers and many occasional participants and visitors. Our walks program started in February 2006. Since then we have done 27 walks, with 5 cancelled because of bad weather. A total of 324 people have participated, with an average of 12 per walk. This includes 41 visitors, many of whom subsequently joined the club. We have had visitors from Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores, and Kyogle, who have seen info in Nimbin Good Times or The Echo.

In the coming year we plan to develop a club newsletter with walk reports, which, as well as going to members and our web-page www.geocities.com/nimbinbushwalkers will be circulated electronically with our programs to information/ environment centres and newspapers in surrounding towns, as well as back-packer hostels etc.

The following club members were elected to our committee: President - Len Martin; Vice-president & Magazine Editor - Michael Smith; Secretary - Peter LePatourel; Treasurer - Kay Martin; Ordinary members - Hilary Fuerst, Don Schell & Peter Ward; Public Officer - Kay Martin.

Membership fees are \$25 per annum for individuals and \$40 per couple - the bulk of that going to cover the cost of insurance and affiliation fees with the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs of NSW. Our membership follows the calendar year January - December and is renewable by March. The membership of people joining after July



Discovery. Bushwalking Club members in a huge cave a couple of hundred metres downstream from the 'real' Mulgum Falls. Photo: Len Martin

1 carries though to the next year. Visitors pay a \$5 fee per walk which goes towards their membership fee if they decide to join the club.

We do two weekend walks per month, alternating as far as possible between Saturday and Sunday and 1 midweek walk per month alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday. We are a friendly group whose walking pace tends towards the leisurely - so as to accommodate the tree-lovers, bird-watchers and fungus-photographers. Walks vary considerably in degree of difficulty and we try to arrange a schedule which includes easy and difficult.

The real Mulgum Falls

Perhaps the most demanding to date was our recent walk up Mulgum Creek to the Real Mulgum Falls. Earlier in the year we had reached three of the lower and quite beautiful falls - after a fairly short level walk through superb rain-forest with a bit of rock hopping across the creek.

Alas, those were not the Real Falls - these are much

bigger and much further up the creek. So Don Durrant and Judy Hales did a couple of reconnoitres, both from above and below, and on Saturday 25th November led us out.

In our program we described it as "4-5 hours return, Grade 4: no tracks - rock hopping and creek crossings and a scramble up the lower falls by aid of a rope... Lots of lovely rainforest (with stinging trees!)"

We started at 9.30am and weren't back until about 5.00pm - so a little longer than expected. Also, for a seventy-two year old the "scramble up by aid of a rope" was bl**dy abseiling! "Interesting" going up and "very interesting" coming down. But we all survived. A fantastic walk - innumerable falls, cascades and spa-pools, swarms of brilliant blue damsel flies, Torrent Lilies in full flower, wonderful rainforest plus - a couple of hundred metres short of the main falls - a huge spectacular cave, The main falls weren't bad either - and none of us got stung.

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Fishing the New Moon



By Pixie

After two weeks of strong winds and big seas from 3 to 5 metres and no change of going to sea, the weather gods and the sea gods got together and the bad weather came to an abrupt halt, giving members of the Nimbin Heads fishing team an opening to go to sea and catch some fish. All we needed now was for the fishing gods to be on our side,

Harry, Pix, Ashley, Arrow, Dave and newcomers Pete, Steve and Joe left Woolli Jetty early Sunday morning for ten hours at sea. With the sea gods being extremely generous to us with a half metre swell and a five knot breeze to start the morning, we first anchored about 20 kilometres out on a small reef looking for some

kingfish and snapper, with six guys bottom bouncing and two floaters out the back. The morning was starting out rather quiet with not much current and fishing murky water, then Pete had a strike on his floater and landed a nice 7 kg snapper with your fishing editor right behind him landing a 9 kilogram kingfish. A great start for two men but apart from these two fish, nothing else was happening.

We decided to go out wide and find some cleaner water. Out about 40 kilometres the water was crystal sparkling blue and looked just brilliant to the eye for fishing, but with a strong current running we couldn't hold bottom and were drifting too far to catch fish. We moved about half a dozen times to find where the current wasn't so strong in this brilliant



Not going to waste. Harry with his 4kg snapper; pix, Joe and Ashley with the three jewfish of the day, 10kg, 12kg and 16kg.

blue water, and found a patch of kingies where we could drift slow enough and still get hook ups. All the guys were now pulling up 4 to 5 kg kingfish, then Harry landed a 4 kg snapper and Arow a 2 kg pearl perch. The fish were still hard to come by and we made quite a lot of moves in the morning session trying to find the right water and the schools of fish, but we were starting to fill the fish box.

In the afternoon session we decided to come back in close, being the new moon was the right time for catching jewfish. We anchored on a small reef known for its jewy and started to pick up a few nice trag. This was a good sign as trag and jewy school together. Arow and Joe both jagged a slimy mackerel on an 8-0 hook. Their bait was as big as their catch, but now they both had live bait and both had instant hook ups.

Realising some baitfish were under the boat, the skipper quickly dropped

down a bait jig and hooked a dozen livies. We were now all using live bait and they were getting smashed as a school of jewfish were rounding up the baitfish - we had six jewies on all at the same time. Arow dropped his, Steve dropped his, caught it again and lost it again, Ashley landed his first, being a 10 kg jewy. Dave thought he had hooked a freight train - it took off under the boat all but pulling us off the anchor and pulling Dave into the corner of the boat, then bang, it was gone. Joe landed his big 16 kg jewy with great excitement and your fishing reporter landed his 12 kg jewy.

When jewfish are on, its happening. Drop a couple and their gone, but what a great way to finish a day's fishing, 38 kg in three fish, with smiles and hi-fives, it's time to come into the cleaning tables and reminisce about a great day's fishing. The next outing will be on Friday 1st December, fishing the coming of the Full Moon.

Nimbin Headers end the Soccer Season on a High!



In October the Soccer Representative and Development Trials were held for the Football Far North Coast Region for Juniors, ranging from U-10s through to U-16s. The selection process was very difficult due to the high performance of so many talented young players throughout the region that a second trial was held for certain age groups for the final selections to be made.

The Nimbin Headers are very excited and proud for the four Junior Players who were chosen for the Rep and Development Squads (and the boys are very excited too!) The boys are Quinlan Cox and Sasha Murton-Cooper U-10s, Sean Reid U-12s, and Uri Ross U-16s (pictured). Congratulations guys from the Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for you all to play first grade soccer.

Their vigorous and demanding training schedules begin early next year in February, twice a week.



Lismore Council's bridge working team taking a lunch break at the Bush Theatre carpark while doing repairs to Cullen Bridge.

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8:20	3:00	4:15	Coffee Camp	8:20	2:55
8:45	3:20	4:30	Nimbin Ave	8:35	3:10
9:30	3:30		Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
9:40	3:40		Blue Knob	9:10	3:40
9:50	3:55		Twin Bridges	9:15	3:45
9:53	4:00		Mt Burrell	9:20	3:50
10:10	4:20		Uki	9:40	4:10
10:15	4:25		Mt Warning turn	9:45	4:15
10:30	4:40		Murwillumbah	10:00	4:25

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7:55	2:30	Mt Burrell	8:10	2:55	
8:00	2:35	Twin Bridges	8:20	3:00	
8:32	2:40	Blue Knob	8:30	3:05	
8:45	2:50	Nimbin arrive	8:40	3:15	
7:50	9:00	3:30	Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
8:05	9:10	3:45	Coffee Camp	9:10	3:40
8:15	9:20	3:55	Goolmangar	9:20	3:50
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Friday 8th	LaBomba
	Latin Theme Nite
Sunday 10th	Azzadoota (1-5pm)
Friday 15th	Wordplay
Sunday 17th	Blue Skillet Rovers (1-5)
Friday 22nd	The Big Drum Up 7.30pm
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Friday 29th	Karaoke Nite (prizes!)

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